Bala Mahila Pragati Pranganams being organized in every district since August 1, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the Centre, in its recent directive, mentioned the allocation to be made to each district and the courses to be conducted;

(c) if so, total amount released so far and utilized by the State Government; and

(d) how many persons would be imparted training in each Pranganam in every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The Department of Women & Child Development has not sanctioned any grant form the Norwegian funds for the Andhra Pradesh State Women Finance Co-op. Society for starting fresh courses at Telgu Bala Mahila Pragati Pranganams.

However, under the Women's Economic programme which is partly assisted by the Norwegain Agency for Development (NORAD), an amount of Rs. 1.26 crores was sanctioned on 21.3.2000 to Andhra Pradesh Women Co-op Finance Corporation Ltd., Ameerpet, Hyderabad for Training women on 14 different trades at 68 different locations in the State.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

ICDS in Andhra Pradesh

314. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;

(c) whether ICDS has been extended to Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have reviewed the progress of ICDS in that State; and

(f) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is being implemented in all the States of the country and the ICDS Scheme aims at holistic development of pre-school children and nutritional and health status of pregnant and nursing mothers belonging to deprived sections of the society through providing a package of services including supplementary nutrition, pre-school education, immunization, health check-up, nutrition and health education and referral services.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Covering 251 ICDS Projects.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. 31284 Anganwadi Centres are reporting in 251 ICDS Projects, benefiting about 19.84 lakh children below six years of age and 4.73 lakh pregnant women and nursing mothers. 9.36 lakh children were getting pre-school education, out of which 4.67 lakhs were girl children. (As on 30.9.2000)

Bal Poshahar Yojna

†315. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction towards the news-item published under the title, Sarkar Ki laparvahi ka Jwalant Udaharan hai Bal Poshahar Yojna, appearing in the Dainik Jagran dated 28th December, 2000.

(b) what instructions have been issued by Government in this regard; and

(c) the norms fixed for compliance of these instructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN

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